



First Quarter FY05

Commonwealth Transportation Board

November 18, 2004

The momentum is building. Construction upgrades on the rail line between Richmond to Washington DC are expected to begin this month of November, now that CSX Transportation's liability concerns have been resolved. New DRPT staff members have transitioned well and are already making an impact. Let's move!

DRPT Major Accomplishments:

- ◆ **Rail Commission:** The *Commission on Rail Enhancement for the 21st Century* held two monthly meetings in preparation for their December 1, 2004 Report to the Governor that will examine the future of rail transportation in the Commonwealth.
- ◆ **Freight Rail Projects:** Six Rail Industrial Access grants were awarded to: Structural Systems, Inc. Culpepper County; Toll Integrated Systems, Inc.-Greensville County; Cargill, Inc - Roanoke County; ARREFF Terminals, Inc. – City of Portsmouth; Corning Incorporated – Montgomery County; RGR Reload, Inc. – Fauquier County.
- ◆ **Passenger Rail Projects:** Negotiations on liability issues with CSX Transportation are complete. A final agreement on the first Washington to Richmond corridor project, the Arkendale Crossover, has been signed. A Rail Update was provided at the Richmond Friends of Rail annual meeting in September.
- ◆ **Completed Work:** DRPT's portion of the State Transportation Improvement Plan was submitted to VDOT and FY05 Agreements with grantees were prepared and executed on time. DRPT participated at the Six Year Plan and VTRANS public meetings.
- ◆ **Technical Assistance:** DRPT provided a National Rural Transit Assistance Program -Transit Management Training Module for transit providers and made a presentation to the State Association of Independent Living Centers.
- ◆ **Specialized Transportation:** DRPT applied for a "United We Ride" federal grant to inventory all specialized transportation services provided in the state and to improve coordination of those services.

Accomplishments through our Partners:

- ◆ **Express Bus Service Starts in Fairfax:** Fairfax County, the Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and the City of Alexandria introduced new express bus service, named REX, along the Richmond Highway Corridor on September 26. The new service provides shorter commute times due to stopping at 12 bus stops versus 40, using bus priority traffic signals and employing low-floor buses and SmartCard fare technology for quicker boarding.
- ◆ **New Transit Service:** The Town of Pulaski began providing deviated, fixed route transit service with two buses October 1.
- ◆ **Trolley Service:** Staunton Trolley served its 100,000th customer in July since beginning operations last year.
- ◆ **Rail Project Moves Forward:** The Quantico Bridge Project's pre-construction meeting was held August 31. VRE, the project manager, broke ground in September 2004.
- ◆ **Air Quality:** EPA reclassified the Richmond region from moderate to marginal ozone nonattainment under the 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard.
- ◆ **Dulles:** The Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project Director was hired; the project office opened and the first project deadline, to complete the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), was met.

DRPT is proud of the accomplishments achieved through our partners this past quarter. DRPT looks forward to maximizing resources this fiscal year to help meet the mobility and economic development needs of the Commonwealth.

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Rail Project Status Summary

November 18, 2004

Project	Start Date	End Date	Est. Cost	Apprvd Budget	Actual Cost	Status	Results/ Comments
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Northern Virginia District

VRE - Dispatch Consolidation	Sep 2003	Nov 2003	\$91K	\$91K	\$91K	Project complete. On schedule and on budget.	Misrouting of VRE trains reduced and average train speed increased.
VRE - L'Enfant Third Main	Jun 2002	May 2007	\$6.2M	TBD		Schedule provided by CSX.*	VRE can add one additional midday train.
VRE - SRO to RO Third Main	Jun 2002	Aug 2006	\$5.9M	TBD		Schedule provided by CSX.*	VRE to add one Fred'burg and one Manassas train.
VRE - AF Interlocking	Jul 2000	Oct 2001	\$12.5M	\$13.2M	\$14.4M	Completed On Schedule. \$1.2M CSX cost overrun.	One midday VRE train. 47% decrease in delays.
VRE - Franconia Third Main	Jun 2002	Dec 2006	\$9.7M	TBD		Schedule provided by CSX.*	One additional VRE train to Fredericksburg.
VRE - Quantico Creek Bridge	Sep 2002	Dec 2006	\$21.1M	\$23.2M		On Schedule. Construction underway.	Will eliminate only single track section in corridor. Project managed by VRE.

Fredericksburg District

VRE - Arkendale Crossovers	Jun 2002	Sep 2005	\$5.6M	\$5.6M		On Schedule. Project Agreement signed Oct. 6, 2004. Work scheduled to begin November 2005.*	VRE can add one additional midday train.
VRE - Fredericksburg Third Main	Jun 2002	Dec 2007	\$9.7M	TBD		CSX has agreed to reduce scope and budget.*	VRE to add one Fredericksburg and one Manassas train.

Richmond District

Ellet's Crossover	Jun 2002	Apr 2006	\$5.8M	TBD		Schedule provided by CSX.*	VRE to add one Fredericksburg and one Manassas train.
Richmond Area Improvements	Jan 2002	Dec 2006	\$12.0M	TBD		Prioritizing needs to develop scope, schedule and budget with CSX.	Reduce train travel time from Staples Mill to Main Street by 5 minutes.

Passenger Rail Studies

TransDominion Express	Feb 2001		\$120.0M	\$9.3M		Preliminary Studies Complete. DRPT is exercising option to purchase a train from VRE.	DRPT Staff is reviewing alternatives for limited service initiation.
Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor EIS	Sep 2003	Jan 2006	\$1.5M	\$1.5M		On Schedule - Draft EIS due in March 2005.	Study conducted by North Carolina DOT. Tier II EIS - Petersburg to Raleigh.
Richmond/ Hampton Roads Pass. Rail Study	Sep 2003	Apr 2005	\$0.96M	\$0.96M		Phase 1 and 2 on schedule. Additional funding needed to complete DEIS.	Identify optimal passenger rail service for Hampton Roads region.

* The total committed cost of these six projects is \$43 million.
The completion of these projects will result in 4 additional roundtrip trains for VRE.